

# The $\mu$ problem & a non standard Higgs spectrum

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## Main topics

▶ Susy = light Higgs boson? The NMSSM with large  $\lambda$

▶ The generation of the  $\mu$  term (scale invariant superpotential)

▶ Experimental constraints

- LEP bounds
- EWPTs
- DM direct detection

▶ The naturalness of the theory

▶ Higgs signatures at the LHC

▶ Conclusions & Outlook

### Based on

R. Franceschini and S. Gori

“Solving the  $\mu$  problem with a heavy Higgs boson”

JHEP 1105:084,2011 [arXiv: 1005.1070]

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## In the NMSSM

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$$m_h^2 \leq m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + \frac{3}{4\pi^2} y_t^4 v^2 \sin^4 \beta \log \left( \frac{m_{\tilde{t}_1} m_{\tilde{t}_2}}{m_t^2} \right)$$

- ♦ If  $\lambda$  is **perturbative** until  $M_{\text{GUT}}$ , we can gain only  $\sim 20 \text{ GeV}$  if compared to the MSSM



## What if we take large $\lambda$ ?

- ♦ **Effective field theory valid up to tens of TeV**  
(above which, one or more Higgs reveals its composite nature)

Barbieri, Hall, Nomura, Rychkov - PRD 75

- ♦ It can be still **compatible** with the **unification** of the gauge couplings

(Harnik, Kribs, Larson, Murayama - PRD 70,  
Chang, Kilic, Mahbubani -PRD 71,  
Birkedal, Chacko, Nomura - PRD 71)

# The model

## A particular fat Higgs model

Low energy effective field theory:

$$W = \lambda S H_1 \cdot H_2 + \frac{k}{3} S^3$$

$$V_{soft} = m_1^2 |H_1|^2 + m_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \mu_S^2 |S|^2 - (A \lambda S H_1 H_2 + G \frac{k}{3} S^3 + h.c.) \\ + \frac{1}{8} g_1^2 (|H_2|^2 - |H_1|^2)^2 + \frac{1}{8} g_2^2 (H_1^\dagger T^i H_1 + H_2^\dagger T^i H_2)^2$$

$\lambda$  perturbative  
until  $\sim O(10 \text{ TeV})$

No dimensionfull parameters in the superpotential

### The $\mu$ problem

$$\mu = \lambda \langle S \rangle$$

If  $\lambda$  is large, is  $\mu$  still at  
(or just above) the EW scale?

### Free parameters

$$\lambda, k, A, G, m_1^2, m_2^2, \mu_S^2$$

Traded for  $\tan \beta, \mu, v$ , thanks  
to the minimization conditions

# The mass of the lightest Higgs boson

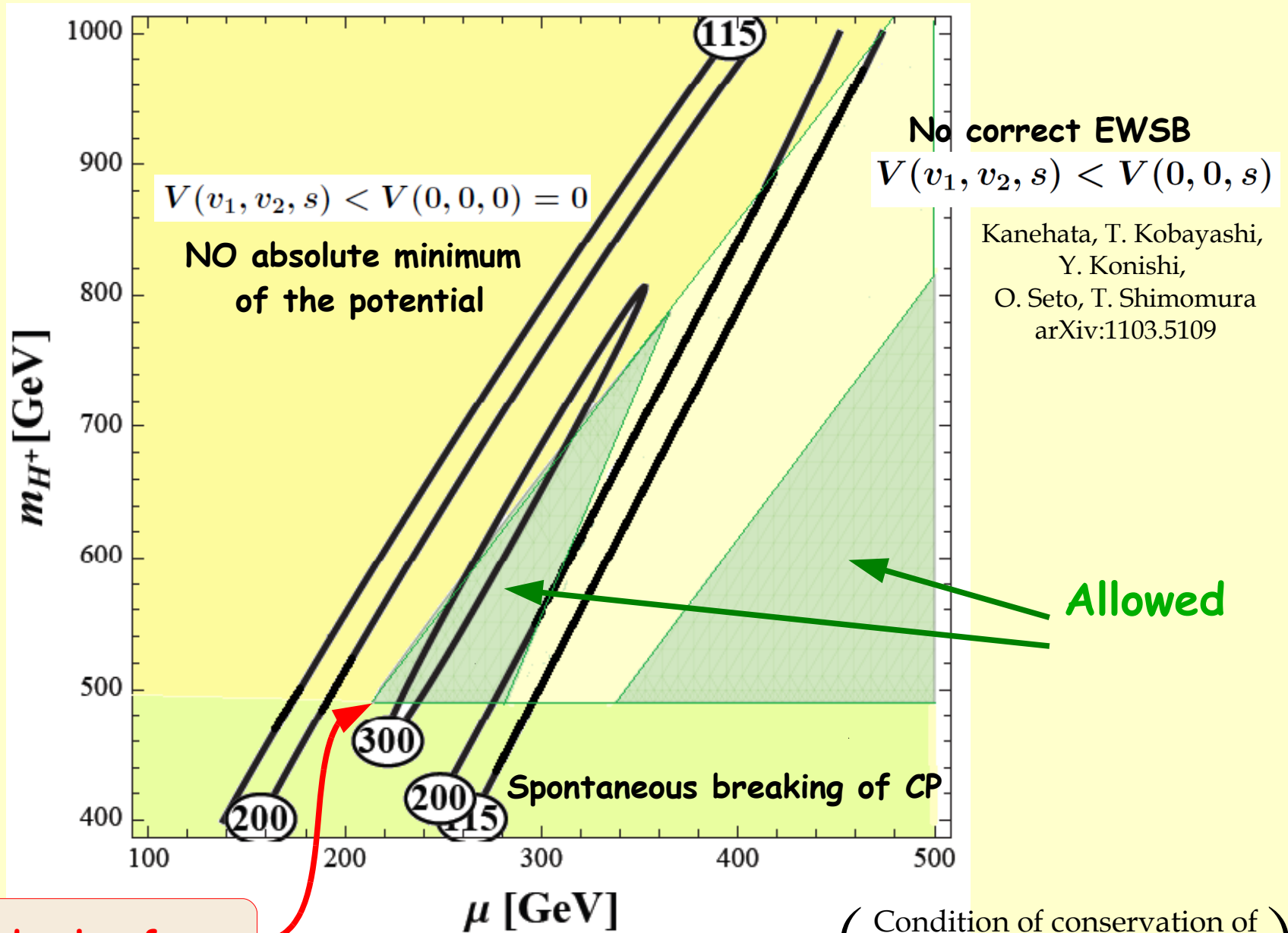
$$\lambda = 2$$

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$$\tan \beta = 1.5$$

Assuming  
**G=A**

(large differences  
are not possible  
by the constraints  
on the potential)



Kanehata, T. Kobayashi,  
Y. Konishi,  
O. Seto, T. Shimomura  
arXiv:1103.5109

# Generation of the $\mu$ term

$$\mu = \lambda s$$

Is it constrained to be at around the EW scale by the conditions we have to impose to the scalar potential?

- ♦  $V(v_1, v_2, s) < V(0, 0, 0) = 0$  and absence of spontaneous CP breaking. In the large  $\lambda$  limit:

$$\mu^2 \gtrsim \frac{\lambda^2 v^2}{2} \sin^2 2\beta - \frac{m_Z^2}{4} \cos^2 2\beta$$

- ♦ The absence of a tachionic Higgs and  $V(v_1, v_2, s) < V(0, 0, 0) = 0$  in the large  $\lambda$  limit and for  $k < \lambda$

$$\mu \lesssim \frac{v\lambda \sin 2\beta}{2} \frac{3(\rho - 4)\rho + \sqrt{8(\rho - 1)(5\rho - 7)} + 9}{(\rho - 5)(\rho - 1)} \simeq \frac{3}{2} v\lambda \sin 2\beta + O(\rho) v\lambda \quad \rho = k/\lambda$$



The mass of the chargino is rather constrained

$$\frac{\lambda v}{\sqrt{2}} \sin 2\beta \lesssim \mu \lesssim \frac{3\lambda v}{2} \sin 2\beta$$

Where  $\lambda v$  is the scale of the lightest Higgs mass



$\mu$  is just above the EW scale

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\rightarrow \infty \\ \mu &\rightarrow A \sin(2\beta)/2 \end{aligned}$$

Large  $\lambda$



Higgs and chargino not seen at LEP

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Is this theory viable in spite of the several experimental constraints?

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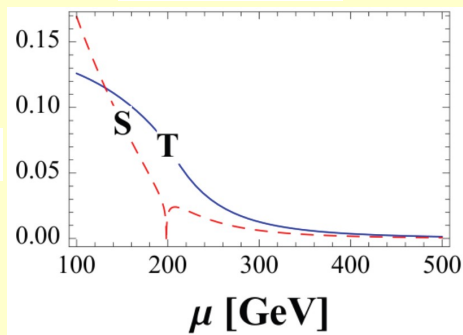
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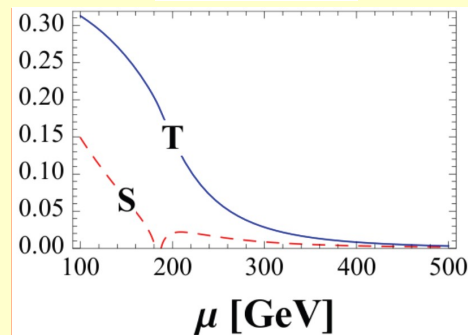
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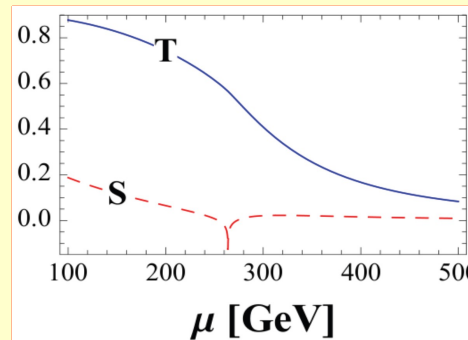
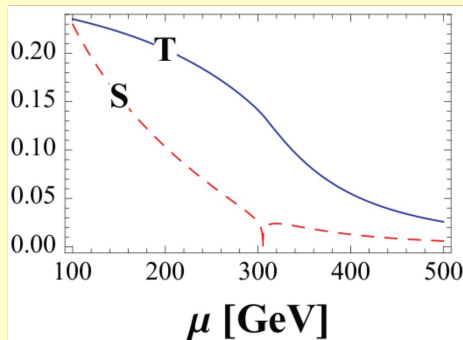


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Preference for smaller values of  $\tan \beta$  and  $\lambda$

(We assume gauginos quite heavier than Higgsinos)



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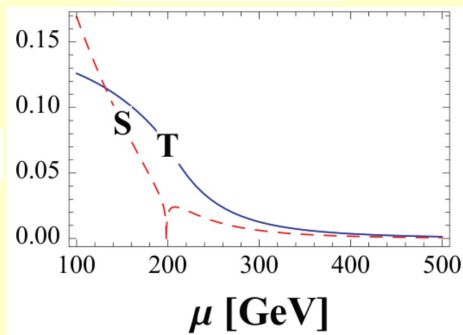
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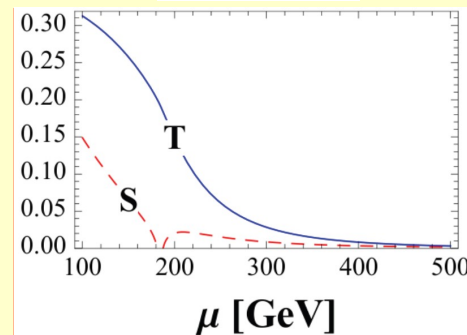
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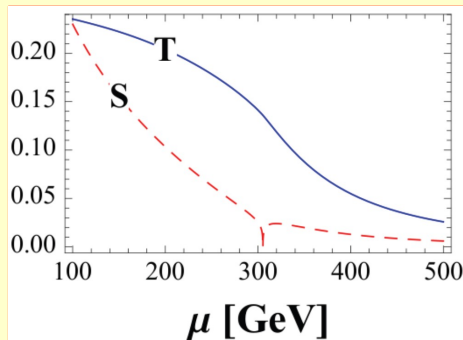
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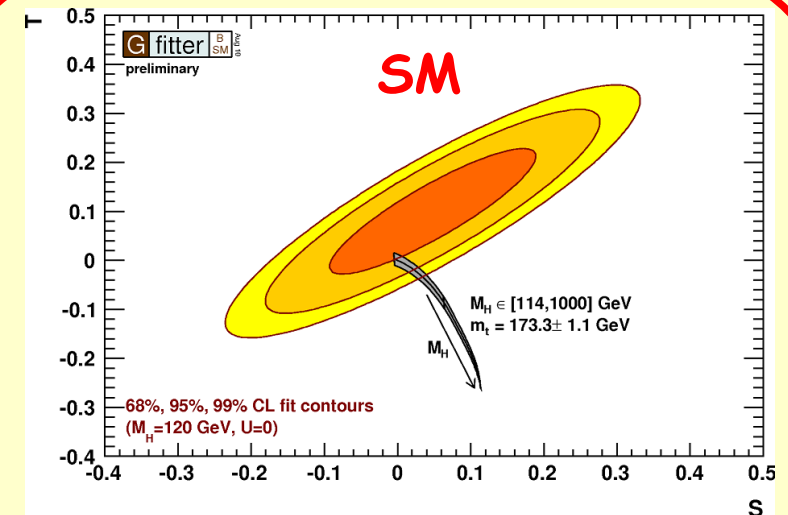
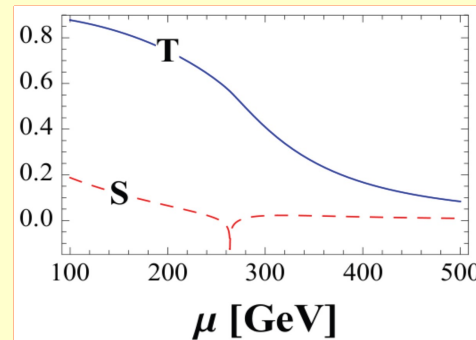
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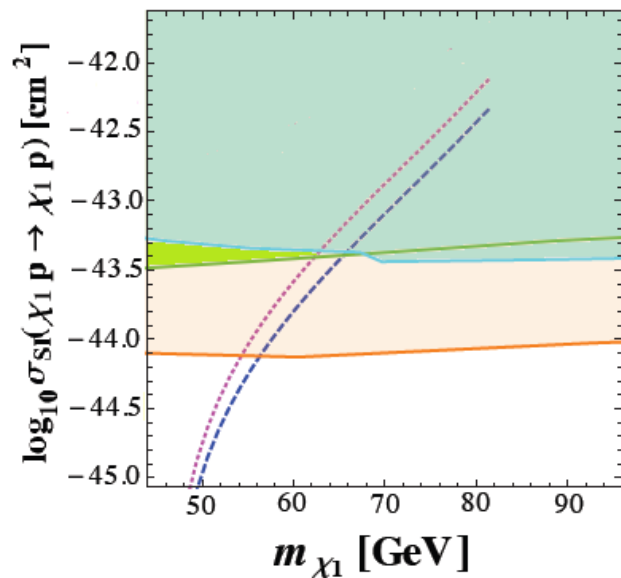


In spite of a large Higgs mass, the theory can be consistent with EWPTs because of the positive NP contributions to T

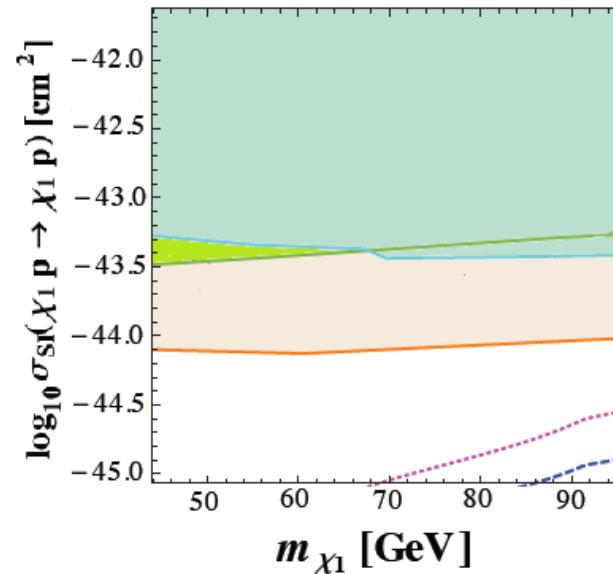
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## Dark matter direct detection experiments

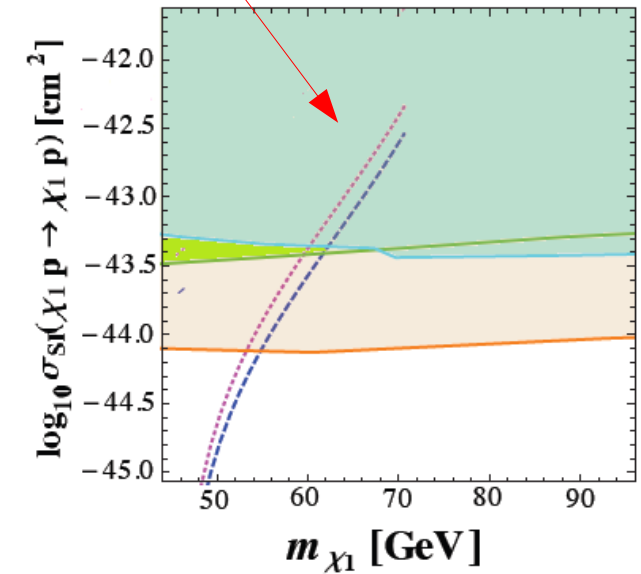
Computed using two different values for the quark form factors  
(from chiral perturbation theory(arXiv:0801.3656),  
or from QCD on the lattice(arXiv:0907.4177))



$m_{H^\pm} = 500 \text{ GeV}, \lambda = 1.5$



$m_{H^\pm} = 550 \text{ GeV}, \lambda = 2$



$m_{H^\pm} = 700 \text{ GeV}, \lambda = 2$

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Xenon100: Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 021303 (2008)

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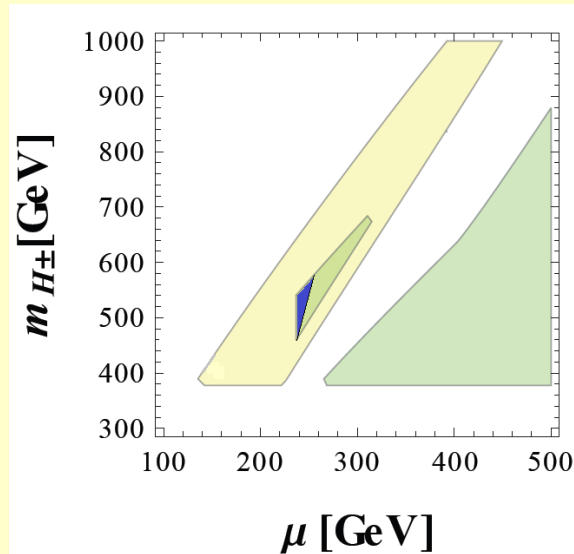
Large values of  $\lambda$  and small values of the charged Higgs mass are favored

A large  $m_{\chi_1}$  is typically excluded

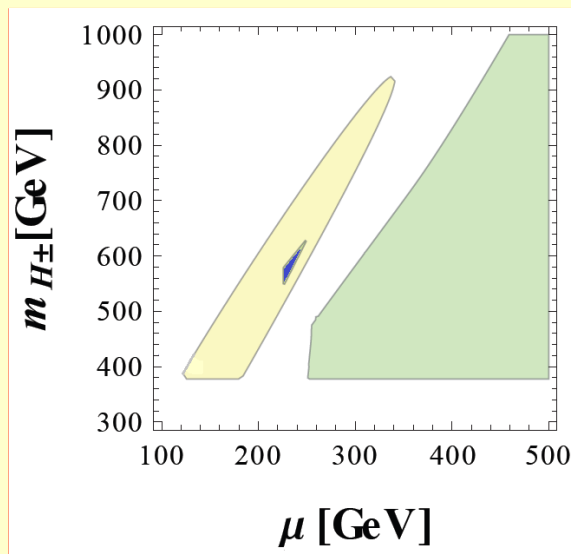
Both in the case of large/small Higgs mass  $\mu \sim (200-300) \text{ GeV}$  is favored

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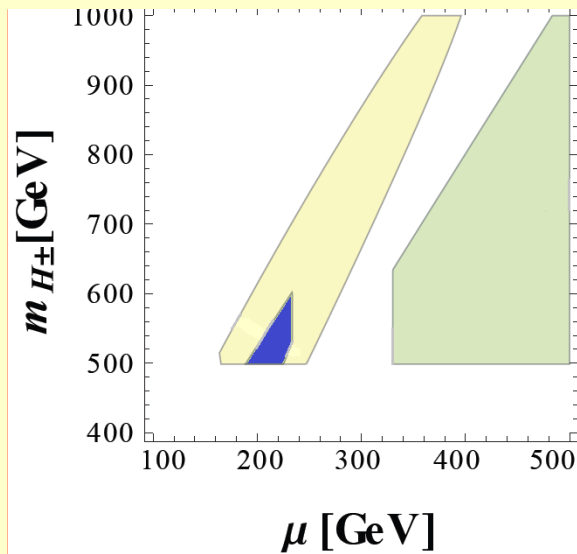
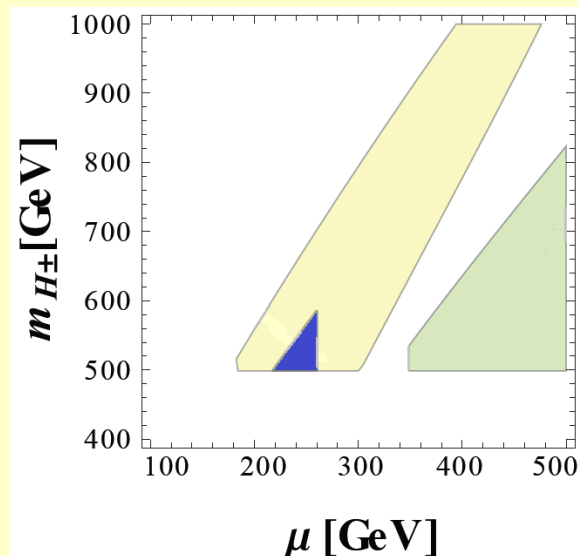


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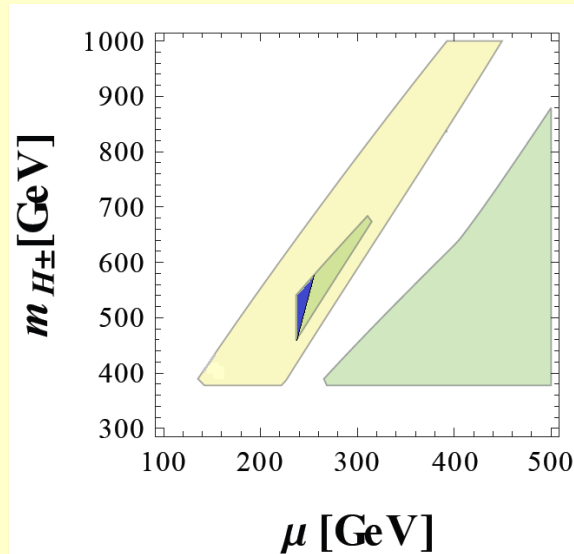


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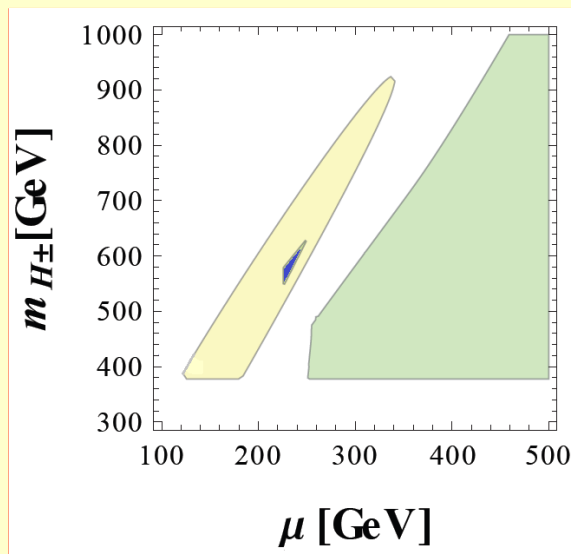
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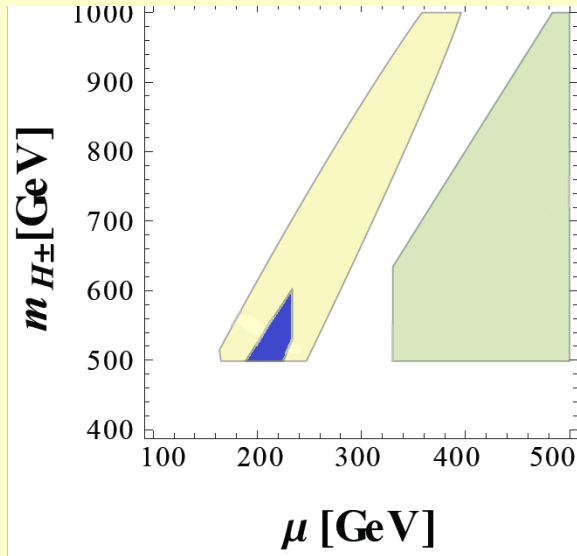
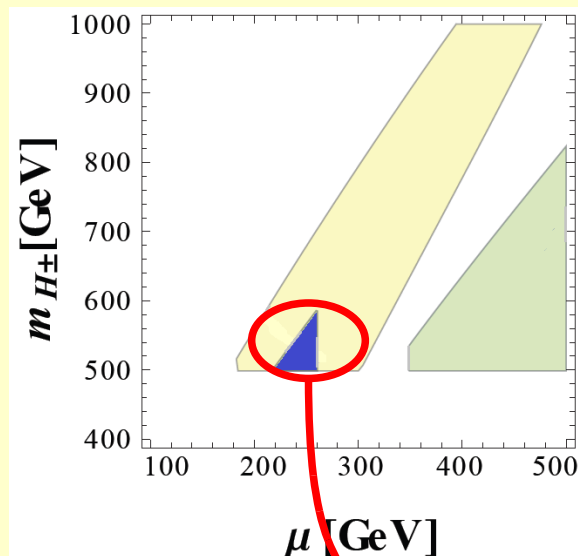


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Here we will do our analysis

# Naturalness and heavy sparticles

- ◆ In a generic theory the EW scale depends on several dimensionful parameters  $v^2 = v^2(a_j)$
- ◆ For **small variations** of these **parameters** it is natural to have also **small variations of the EW scale**

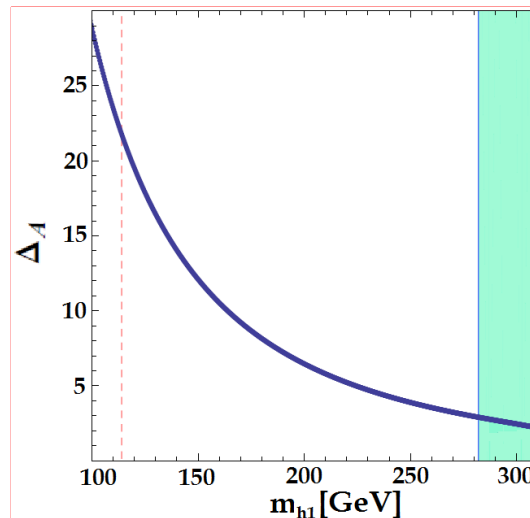
◆ Definition of fine tuning  $\Delta_{a_j}$

$$\Delta_{a_j} \equiv \left| \frac{a_j^2}{v^2} \frac{d v^2(a_i)}{d a_j^2} \right|$$

Barbieri, Giudice, Nucl.Phys.B306

- ◆ In our theory, we have to compute the fine tuning with respect to  $(\mu_s, m_1, m_2, G, A)$

- ◆ Only the latter is relevant:



Theory is much less tuned  
for a heavy Higgs boson

- ◆ Heavy squarks are allowed (but not required) with a **moderate** level of **fine tuning**:

$$\Delta = \left| \frac{m_{\tilde{Q}}^2}{v^2} \frac{d v^2}{d m_{\tilde{Q}}^2} \right| \sim \left| \frac{m_{\tilde{Q}}^2}{v^2} \frac{d v^2}{d m_2^2} \frac{d m_2^2}{d m_{\tilde{Q}}^2} \right| \Rightarrow \Delta \sim \frac{m_{\tilde{Q}}^2}{v^2} \frac{3 \log^2 \frac{\Lambda_{\text{mess}}}{\text{TeV}}}{4\pi^2 \sin^2 \beta} \frac{dv^2}{dm_2^2}$$

Not huge dependence for large values of  $\lambda$

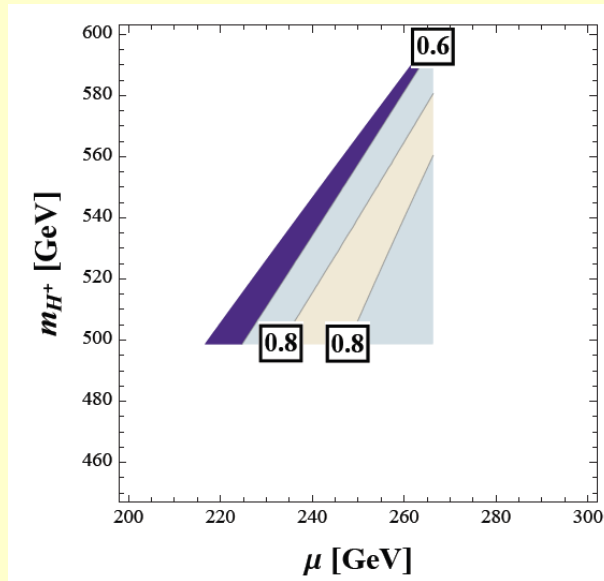


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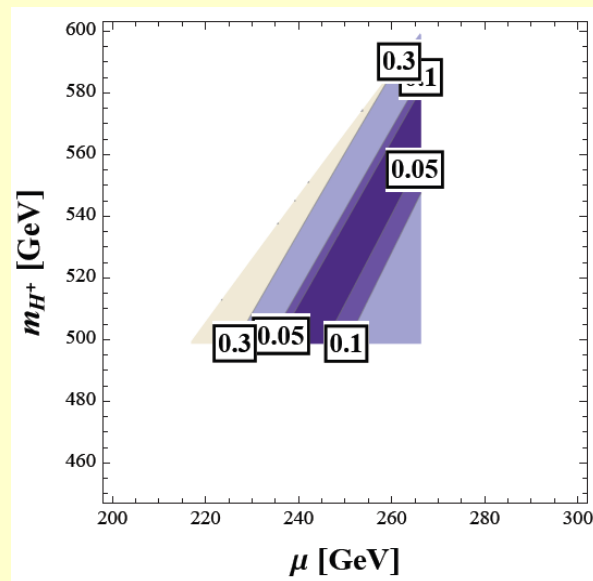
Reduced couplings squared with up-type quarks:

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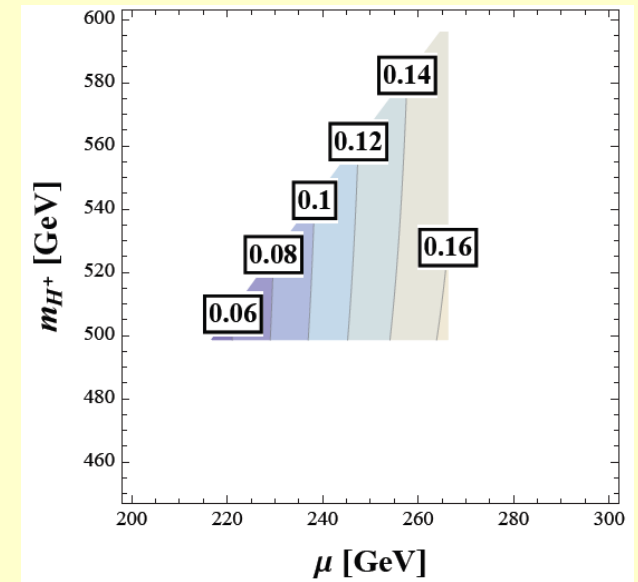


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$h_2$



$h_3$

The two heavier states are sufficiently coupled

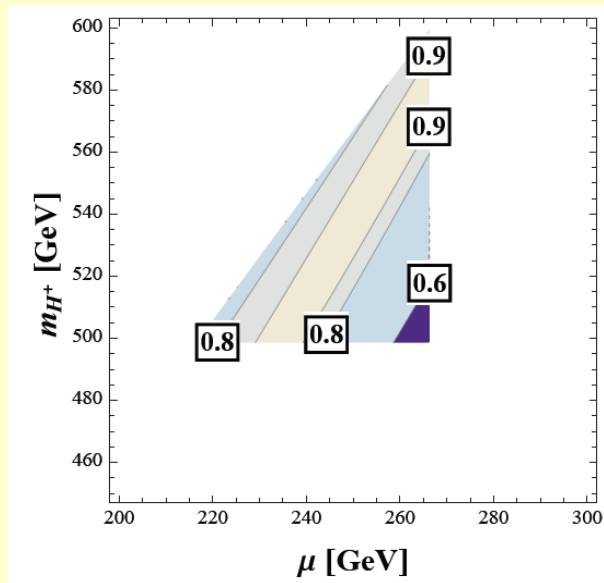
Possibility of producing at the LHC all the three Higgs bosons through gluon gluon fusion

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## 2. Vector boson fusion

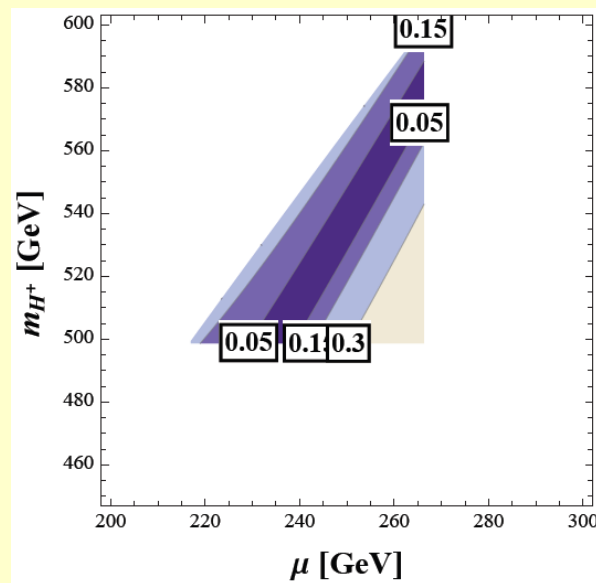
Reduced couplings squared with gauge bosons:

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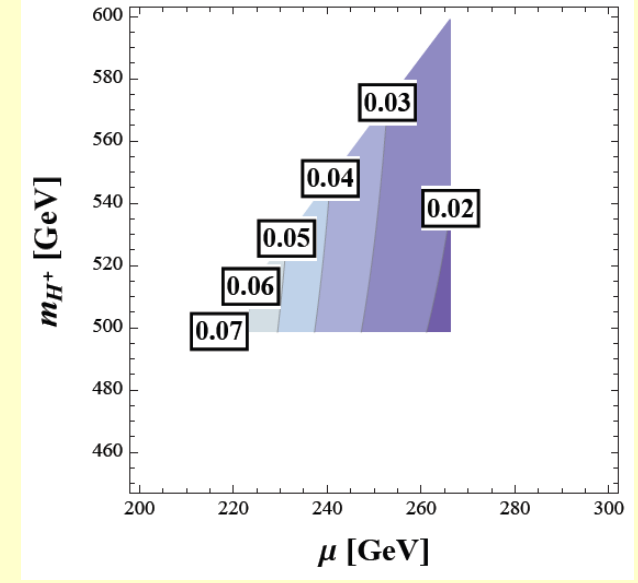


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The heaviest state  
is rather decoupled

Difficulty of producing the heaviest Higgs boson at the LHC through vector boson fusion



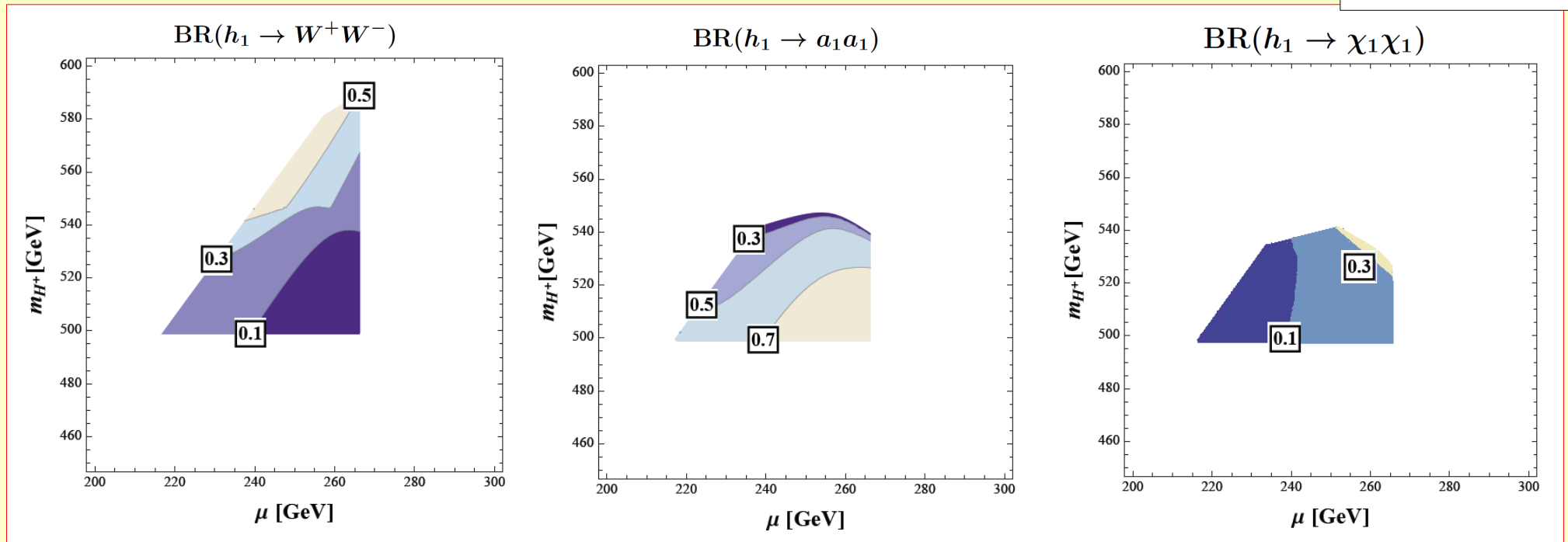
# Decays of the lightest Higgs boson

Three main decay modes:

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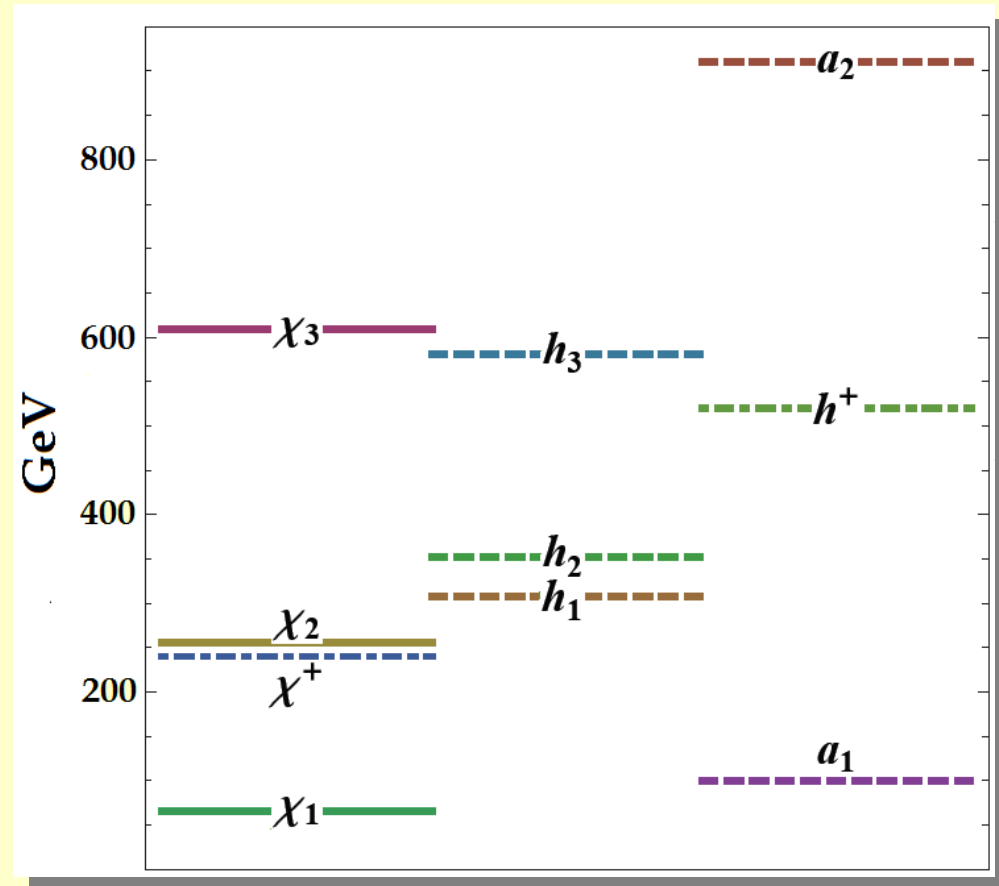


- Rather reduced decay of the Higgs into WW  $\Rightarrow$  Higgs not found at the LHC yet.
- Higgs could be observed earlier in the non-SM decay  $h \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow \tau \bar{\tau} b \bar{b}$   
Still not for a early LHC
- A large fraction of Higgs bosons decay invisibly into two LSPs

# A benchmark point

A typical configuration:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= 2 \\ k &= 1.2 \\ \tan \beta &= 1.5 \\ \mu &= 240 \text{ GeV} \\ m_{H^+} &= 520 \text{ GeV}\end{aligned}$$



	$ZZ$	$WW$	$t\bar{t}$	$\chi_1\chi_1$	$\chi_1\chi_2$	$a_1Z$	$a_1a_1$	$\Gamma$ [GeV]
$h_1$	0.088	0.196	0	0.090	0	0.059	0.568	30.3
$h_2$	0.004	0.008	0.002	0.179	0.027	0.001	0.782	33.6
$h_3$	0.023	0.047	0.039	0.461	0.013	0.165	0.255	48.2

# Conclusions

What

Scale invariant NMSSM as an effective field theory valid up to  $\sim 10$  TeV

## Main Consequences

- It raises dramatically the mass of the lightest Higgs boson:  $M_{h1} \sim (200-300)$  GeV
- It generates a  $\mu$  term that scales as the lightest Higgs mass (it addresses naturally the  $\mu$  problem)

- In spite of the large Higgs mass, EWPTs can be easily satisfied

## Predictions

Predictions in the region of parameter space allowed by the experiments (LEP, EWPTs, DM direct detection)

- Lightest chargino rather close in mass to the lightest Higgs boson
- Lightest neutralino with a mass smaller than  $\sim 100$  GeV
- Lightest Higgs boson mainly decaying into two pseudoscalars  $h \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow \tau \bar{\tau} b \bar{b}$

- Possibility of discovery the heavier Higgs bosons produced through gluon gluon fusion

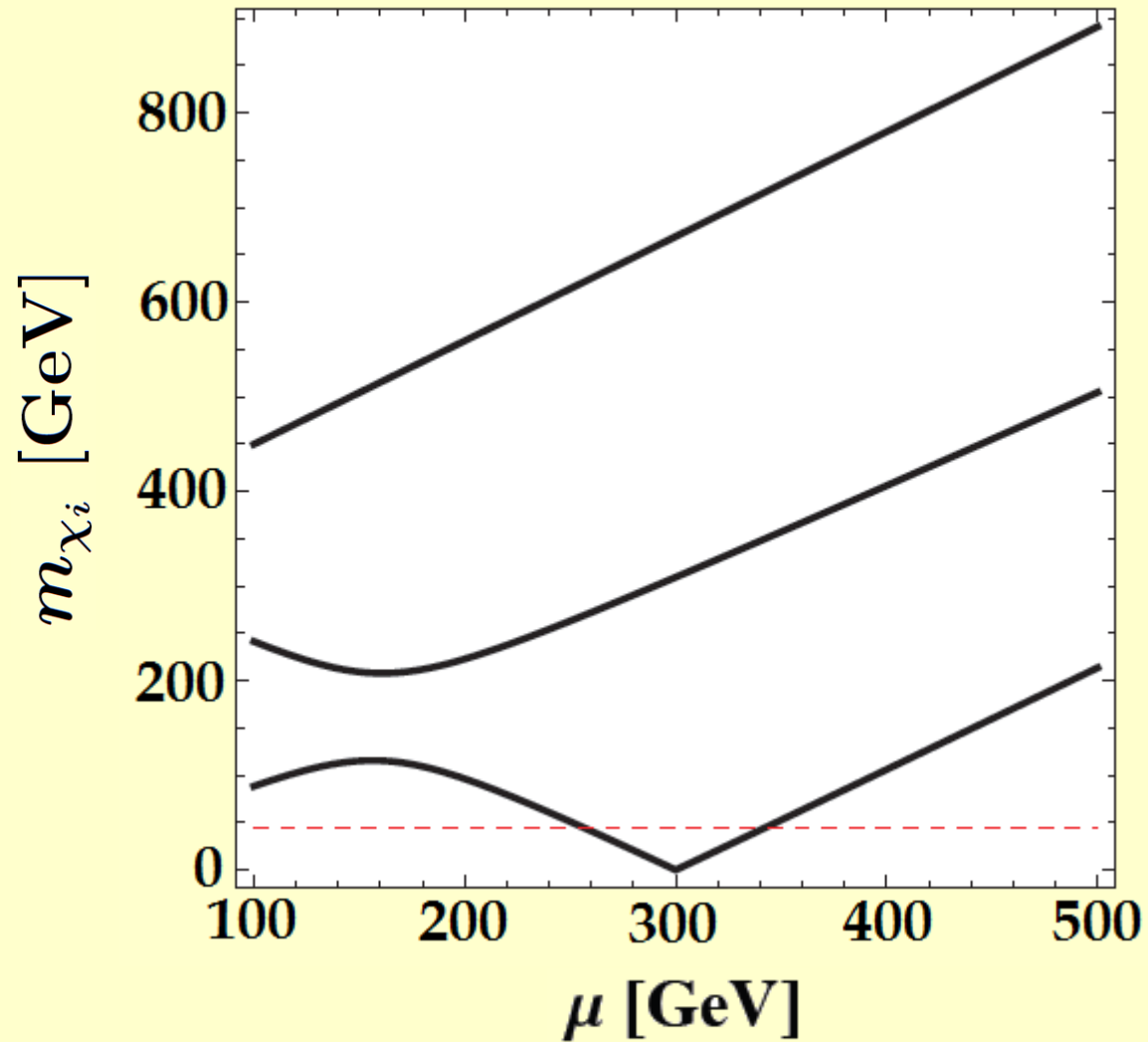
Outlook: detailed study of the collider signature of the model

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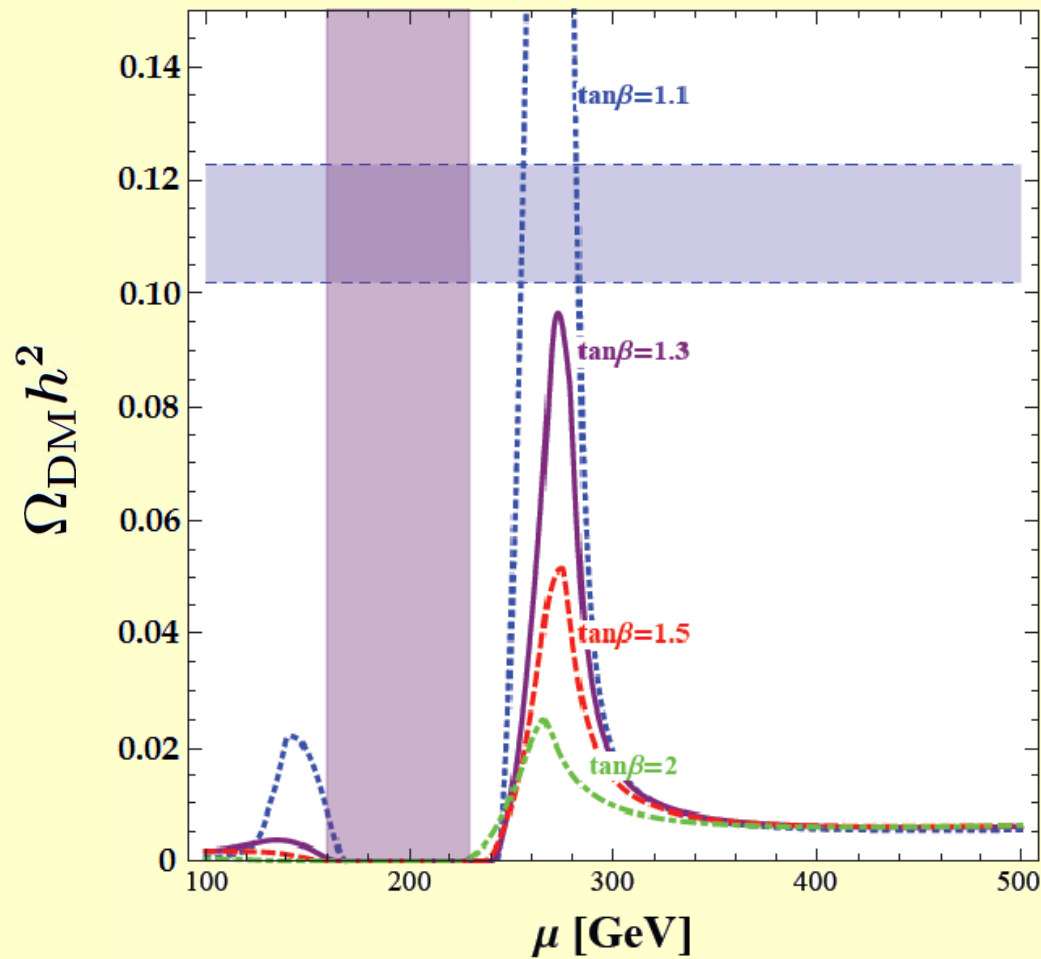
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